



Sunday January 20, 2019
God's Word Works
Part-2 : Produces in the Believer

Review:

There are two truths we emphasized last Sunday:

- 1, God works by His Word
- 2, God's Word carries God's power

When God wishes (intends) to DO something - He speaks.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

When we receive the word of God for what it really is - then the word of God works in us mightily.

It releases its power in our lives.

There is power in the Word to heal, deliver, to liberate, to make whole, to prosper, to accomplish everything God is pleased in. This power is in the Word.

When you read, listen to and meditate in the Word of God you are not engaging in a meaningless exercise.

God's Word will produce in your life.

God's Word has varied effects in our lives.

Here are a few examples:

God's Word is like a hammer, it break down the hard and stubborn places.

God's Word is like fire, it ignites and purifies. It ignites passion for the right things. It purifies, refines and burn out what should not be there.

God Word is like water, it quenches, it cleans, it refreshes, it gives life.

God's Word is food (milk, water, meat) for our inner person.

Here is a short list of what the Word of God produces in the life of a believer (there are many more that can be added to this list).

(Please share relevant examples/life application for the points below, where possible)

#1, The Word sets us free

John 8:31-36

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."



33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

When we continue (abide) in His Word, we will know the truth and the truth will set us free.

The freedom Jesus was referring to was being freedom from slavery to sin.

examples:

set free from a loose tongue (speaking unnecessarily)

set free from anger/loose temper

set free from ungodly desires

#2, The Word cleans us out

John 15:3

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Psalms 119:9

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

As the Word penetrates us, we desire purity, holiness and begin to reject ungodly and unnecessary things in our lives. Attitudes, affections, appetites, desires, dreams - begin to change.

#3, The Word heals us

Proverbs 4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.



#4, The Word renews our mind

James 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

The Word makes us whole in our soul (mind, will, emotions).
The Word changes our way of thinking, perspectives.
With this our way of living is also transformed.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

#5, The Word enlightens us (brings revelation, guidance)

Psalms 119:105,130

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

Making a decision.

#6, The Word builds faith

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#7, The Word empowers us

1 John 2:14

I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

So open up your life to God's Word.
Set time aside regularly (daily) to listen/read God's Word.
Remember that God's Word produces in your life.



Isaiah 50:4-5

4 "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.

These verses are speaking about Jesus Christ (because of what is stated in verse 6).

As we let God open our ears to hear His Word, we receive a learned tongue so we know how to speak a word in season to those who are weary.

Next week:

How do we get God's Word into our lives so that it can produce in us.

MINISTRY TIME
SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *John 8:31-36; Psalm 119:9,105,130; 1 John 2:14; Isaiah 50:4-5*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) *Review the 7 things the Word does in the life of the believer:*

- #1, The Word sets us free*
- #2, The Word cleans us out*
- #3, The Word heals us*
- #4, The Word renews our mind*
- #5, The Word enlightens us (brings revelation, guidance)*
- #6, The Word builds faith*
- #7, The Word empowers us*



2) *If you have experienced any one or more of these seven 'effects' of God's Word in your life, share one or two instances with your group.*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.